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Serial Nos. 10

Part B for May 1924

SUBJECT

Memorial of mahamahopadyaya Sidlaghatta Sivarasukara Sastry praying that Sri Kumaraswamy temple at Gudimallahalli, Bangalore city, and its endowments may be vested in him and his heirs stating that he will arrange the regular conduct of worship

G.O. No. 1546-50 dated 26.6.24

To the Dy. Co
Comptr
Sriyuths Inam Settlement
M. A. S. Sivarasukara Sastry.
H. H. Kadur Govindaraj Gowda
Tahsildar Magadi

Sanctions the appointment of Sri M. S. Sivarasukara as sole Dharmakarta of the temple and authorises him to draw the Tasdik amount due to the temple &c.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Re Sri Kumaraswami temple at Sunkenhalli Bangalore Alg.

From Mr Siddanti Sivasankaraswamy.

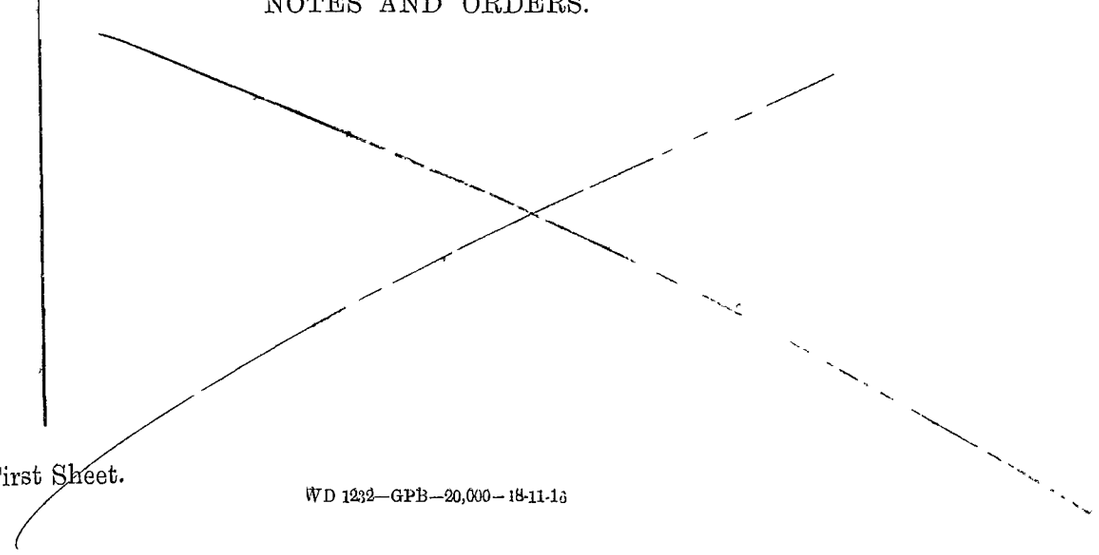
No. Petn Dated 7.8.23 Received

Diary No. 2324/23-24	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Prays that the temple and its endowments may be vested in him.

NOTES AND ORDERS.



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ROUTINE NOTES.

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Rep. of 7.8.23 read from Mahamahopadhyaya Siddanti Sri Sankara Shastri, Vice Sanskrit Professor, in the Presidency College, Madras, Sri Representation is as follows

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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Petition of 7/8/23 from Mahamahopadhyaya Siddhanti Sivasankaranatha of Bangalore addressed to the Dewan of Mysore.

I am a retired Sanskrit pandit of the Presidency College Madras. Being a bare myopaus I returned to Bangalore immediately after my retirement. Once while taking a walk towards about Gavipur near Sunkenhalli Basavanguli extension Bangalore city I happened to see a hill with a building on it near Sunkenhalli. Curious to have a look at the building I went up the hill and there found an old Linga (idol) without any worship. The building also was in a dilapidated state. It then struck me that I should rebuild the temple and arrange for the daily worship of the God Siva. As however the late Mr T. Narahari Rao had Con-structed the building the question I went to his son Mr. T. Lakshminarana-Swamy Rao and informed him of my intention to reconstruct the temple and arrange for daily worship etc. Mr. Lakshmi-narasimha Rao thereupon entrusted the hill and the temple to my care and asked me to arrange as I needed. Since then viz from the 30th November 1922 I took charge of the temple and rebuilt it at a cost of thousands of rupees and have made arrangement for regular daily wor-ship of the God Shiva. The temple is now

attended by many bhaktas even from outside the State and the Dy. Commr Bangalore Distt. and the Amildar Bangalore Taluk also paid an inspection visit as the temple is under the control of the Muzrai Department.

3 As it is recently learnt that the temple belongs to the muzrai Dept. and possesses a part of the Gurumayyanahalli as inamti and is in receipt of a cash annual grant of Rs 5-13-0 from the muzrai Dept I beg permission of Govt to look after the temple and arrange for the regular worship of other deities also at my own cost and the services of worthy bhaktas. If such permission is kindly granted I will continue the work that I have already been doing. Should the Govt. entrust the inamti and the cash grant also to my charge I will make use of it for the temple though even without the said aid I am prepared continue my work. Therefore pray that I may be permitted to conduct the affairs of the temple as above.

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5 The temple of Kumaraswami situ
on a hillock near Kasavan gudi which
was some years back rebuilt at a
heavy cost by the late Mr. T. Nanabari
Rau and for some days called 'Mount Joy'
was almost in ruins without proper
in spite of the efforts of the Dharma
dasis to see to the performance of
necessaries thereon. Recently the
gentlemen who has retired from the
Madras Ed. Service commenced to
worship the deity, and has spent
hundreds of rupees from his own
pocket in repairing the side rooms,
the Prakaram, the Mandapam and the
Garbhagudi and has made it a
a centre of much devotion.
Devotees resort to the temple in
large numbers especially on Fridays
from long distances. And the Maha Mahopadhyaya
attends (Vide Hindu of 9th inst.) to read to them
the Sastras now read may be
forwarded to the Mad. Govt. for
favor of enquiry and report on the
points touched upon in the Petn.
as early as possible together with
the opinion of the Dharmadarsis
& Draft order for approval or orders

A judge of the Chief Court.

(Tyagaraja Dasa Rao.)

Being himself a very learned man, he attracts around him a large no. of learned men and his discourses on various religious topics are both interesting and instructive.

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2	No. 321 of 29-8-23 to the Asst. Comm. To. the Peth. for enquiry and report
3	No. 323 of 17.9.23 from the Dhe. Secy. to Hyd. To. the Peth. of Sri Sankara Sastry re Sri temple near Sankeshwar.
4	No. 505 of 4/10/23 to the Asst. Comm. To. the above and requests to expedite the subm. of the report early.
5	From the Asst Comr. No. Pet C 22/23-4 dt 27.10.23 Recommends that the temple Sri Sridhi Mandir be left in the management of the Pet. subject to the inspection of Govt Officers of above the Grade of Amildars &c. That this is one of the temples built by Nagadi Kempe Gowda nearly 4½ Centuries ago, and is now a minor institution enjoying the inam lands mentd in the Dy Comrs letter a Copy of which has been sent up by the Muz Comr and a cash grant

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of Rs 5-13- per year or 0.7.9 per month. ~~It is~~ It is an institution in which ~~worship~~ (worship once a week) is to be conducted. It is one of the temples entrusted to a set of Dharmakartas of whom I am one, and as such I have had occasion frequently to visit the temple and see to the regular conduct of worship. The doors & windows of the building were all eaten up by white ants & were about to fall down. The floor was cracked badly & the whole building was in a dilapidated condition. The Dharmakartas in appearance. The Archak did not venture even once a week, and the late Mr. Tirukkurungudi Varadachariar whose father to worship the deity built the temple at great cost & even the building in good repair. [illegible] was a veritable den of thieves & robbers who were the recently a menace to the neighbourhood, vide Sunken Lally & Basavangudi Western Police

10 The Rt Mahavadwan Mahamahopadhyaya Srikantha Sastry, who retired from the Presidency College at Madras came upon the scene last year and at the instance of the late Mr. Lakshmi Varadachariar in [illegible]

† The worship was [illegible] Daily [illegible] No. 3857 [illegible] 14

† He was the Sanskrit Pandit of the Presidency College at Madras

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to the charge of the hillock and the Sri Kumaraswami temple on the 30th November 1922, and has at his own cost improved the place, repaired the side rooms, Prakaram, Sabhamandi and the hall & the verandah, and has been conducting puja every day, himself living in the entrance, a hundred yards from the main temple. He has made the temple a centre of devotion and is attracting many learned men & devotees. Mr Lakshminarasimhachar has gifted away one of his own lands by the side of the hillock to the Mahanirvanapadhyaya for the service of the deity.

* About a thousand rupees

11 Mr Viswanathaswamy has fixed up a programme of daily services and naivedya and is performing it all at his own cost. The prays in the memorial that the hillock and the temple may be handed over to the management of himself & his heirs, so that he may arrange permanently for the regular conduct of services in the institution, and says that if the cash grant and the inam lands are given over to his possession he would utilise them for services in the temple.

* On special occasions, the ringing of the bells, the beating of the drums & the chanting of hymns can be made throughout the night for about a mile round.

12 Mr Viswanathaswamy does not take the morning food,

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but lives upon Bilva (deo ?) leaves, some milk and fruits and so his wages does not seem to have been actuated by any selfish motives.

13 Mr Sastry wishes to consecrate some more deities on the premises viz Ganapathy, Anjaneya, etc. and set up an Ammanna Katte in all which there are good facilities on the hill & below. The local authorities recommend that as Mr Sastry is quite sincere his wishes may be granted, ie special sanction may be accorded to him over the temple & its precincts & the control of Mr Sastry and his heirs together with its endowments; but the Muz Comr recommends that the temple & its endowments may be left in the management of Rao. Sri Sankara Sastry and that the question of its management after the Sastry's demise may be decided later.

14 It is a matter for consideration whether the institution with its Cash & (and) endowments it may be handed over to the trustees for management and that of his heirs

Subject to the condition that in

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kind shd be considered to

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remain a muzrai institution liable to be inspected by local officers and that the management would be taken back if when the Govt have reason to consider the institution mismanaged. Such a course would be very special in the case of Sri Viswanatha Sastry who has spent a good deal of money on the temple building and is showing a great deal of interest in its maintenance and in the service of the deity.

8/11/23 15 It would not be desirable therefore the temple perpetually as prayed for by the Sastri. The Muzrai Court's relation that the temple endowments may be left in charge of the Sastri may perhaps be approved, in consideration of the work done by the Sastri, subject to the conditions suggested by the Muzrai Court, and subject also to the condition that the management would be taken back from him when the Govt consider the institution mismanaged.

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hillock behind? How is it classed in the Sun Accounts, and what is its extent? What is the extent of the land endowed to the temple and who is now in possession of them? Has the Archaka (or hereditary title to the office and what would be his position if management is handed over to the Mahomedans? 3/11/23

3 11/23.

17 The temple is built on the hillock which evidently belongs to Govt., as the temple is a Muzrai Institution. The late Mr. T. Narahari Rao improved this temple at a cost of 8000 Rs and arranged for puja at the temple daily. On the application of the late Mr. Lakshmi Narasimha, the Eldest son of Mr. Narahari Rao, who had left a will in regard to the temple, the former Mr. Lakshmi Narasimha Rao was appointed (X) vide Dharmadarsi, but the late Mr. T. N. Krishna Swami Aiyar in June 1904 that the temple deserved a cash grant, the Govt. ordered in May 1906 that no cash grant

× Vide Mr. Dharmadarsi note on page 5 of June 11-05.

(X) Vide Govt. Notn. No. 3853 dt 13-6-04.

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Cultivable Secret. for the institution.
(Reference is invited to Muz File No 2011 of 1905)

18 Besides a Cash grant of Rs 9/00 per month, the temple enjoys the following Devadaya inams:-

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Wet - - -	6 -	31 -	21-8-0	
	138.	27	78-10-0	58-0-0

Vide Dy Comrs letter No/pp 18-19 of Quit rent Regr of Bangalore Taluk

(1) This lands are said to have been leased out for 5 years and the lease amt credited to the funds of the temple [As a Dharmadarsi, I have ascertained the lease amt to be Rs 150, and that a sum of Rs 500 approximately to be at the credit of the temple.]

2) The archak of this temple is the same as that of Gangadhareswara Swami temple at Gavipur, one Somasundara Dikshit who, on account of his bad character (his mismanagement and) has been placed on suspension and is about to be dismissed. He has thus no hereditary title to the temple & its endowments.

3) The Maharnavadhyaya has been conducting worship for the last one year and the archak has not turned up & claimed the office

(X) Kind reference is also invited to page 114 of the Muzrai manual where the qualifications of an archak are mentd. His conduct will take against this order (Kannada). (No 119. 26-Cu) & 23 4-1892)

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† Vide Auildars report.

he does not care for the small Cash grant of 0.7.9 per month and is living permanently in Ulsoor 22 of the management of the temple is handed over to the maharashtra people they will appoint he only a sole Dharmadarsi, and his management will be under the supervision of the local Affairs.

5/11/23

6.11.23.

(Second member) 10/11/23

12.11.23.

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Up Stamp the seal of Sri Lakshmi-narasimha Swamy Devasthanam Ulsoor to secure the management of the temple under the supervision of the Asst Commr Bangalore Dist as the Dharmadarsi This may be ordered and a copy in Kannada sent from Sri Lakshmi Devasthanam Ulsoor to the Asst Commr Bangalore Dist (by this time next week)

25 Up There is no objection on the part of the Govt to appointment of the Dharmadarsi of the temple for a period of three years in the first instance ~~and~~ on condition that the appointment will be subject to the control of the Govt

from time to time

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No draft letter to the Mag. Cuddr. is put up. After his reply is rec'd draft order will be put up in the matter of handing over the temple to Mr Sastry

14.11.23 [illegible] 15.11.23

6 To The Muzrai Commr. No. 698 d. 20.11.23. — Requests him to ascertain from the heirs of the late Mr. T. Lakshmi Narasimha Rao whether they are willing to make over the management of the Sri Kumaraswami temple & the hillock on which it is situated to Mr. Sivaa Sankara Sastry & to appoint him as sole Dharmadarsi, & also, to obtain a written st. to that effect from them & submit the same

7 The situation has been fully dealt with in the notes in the previous page. Orders are solicited on the following points:—

1) The handing over of the Sri Kumaraswami temple and the hillock on which it is situated

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Situated to Mahamahopadhyaya Siddhanti Subrahmanya Sastriyar in perpetuity as prayed for by him, or during his life time as recommended by the Muzrai Comm?

2) Making the Mahamahopadhyaya the sole Dharmakarta of that Institution, and divesting the Present Dharmakartas of the supervision of that temple.

3) Handing over the Cash and land endowments to the Mahamahopadhyaya, or in the alternative, handing over the Cash grant, and the patta of the lands which have been leased for 5 years.

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* The present Dharmakartas are :—

1. Mr. V. M. Narasa Iyer B.C.S. (Convener)
2. " B. Venkatarayappa M.A. Senior Professor
3. " N. Venkatesa Iyengar B.A. Retd. Meteorological Director
4. " B. Ramaraja B.A. Supdt. Mint Guard.
5. " Elejanur Basappa
6. " Sundara Murthiraja
7. = Vacant.

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D. 1191 (28.3.24)

Ltr from Maha Mahopadhyaya Siddanta Sri Sankara Sastrigal residing in Sri Kumaraswami temple on the hillock at Sankaridrug, Basavangudi &c.

3) The Maha Mahopadhyaya gives a history of the temple & how he came to reside in it. His request is that he may be entrusted with the temple (with a view) to the endowments at the discretion of Govt. in perpetuity, free of all encumbrances & archakship &c.

3 The Cond. papers have been sub. to the second Member. may this be sub in cent. ?

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placed below.

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33 The Supt. Muz Branch will please go thro & put forward

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Wanted from the Manuals & Hist. Notes

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34) A D. letter addressed to the Amildar, Bangalore, under the Members' orders, and the Amildar's reply thereto are placed on the file. The temple is situated on Khanab assessed S.No 15 of the Sunkenhalli village; and the Amildar says that there are no records in his office as to how the temple of S.No 15 came into the possession of the late Shri Nandabara Rao

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35) Mr Ayres

11.4.24

1348 12.4.24 2nd Member)

36) A draft order ~~Rly~~ giving a short account of the case (the temple being a Rao Bahadur, the improvements effected by the late Rao Bahadur, the transfer of Shri D.V. Rao of his rights over the temple & the Amildar's above letter to the Devasthanam, the improvements ~~WD 0561—GPB—3750—1 8 22~~ effected since the date of the latter & the present entertainment).

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and Samachar the office of Mr S. Sastri and Sole Dharmakartha of the temple, and as per of Sole Dharmakartha be

37) Mr J. Sastri will as Dharmakartha be entitled to draw the annual Govt Tasdik & were entitled for the temple service. He will be authorised to make necessary improvements to the ~~[illegible]~~ existing buildings attached to the temple & also to put up new buildings on S.No 15 for the benefit of the temple, [illegible] the permanence of the temple. ~~[illegible]~~ D.C. [illegible] two-day [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ All buildings that put up will be treated as being attached to & forming the property of the temple; and Mr J. Sastri or his heirs will have no private rights of any kind and whatever.

38) The Dharmakartaship will be continued as a hereditary right in Mr J Sastri's family so long as they satisfactorily discharge the duties to the best interests of the temple.

[signature]

~~[illegible]~~

39) It may also be provided that the Dharmakartha should maintain proper accounts of the receipts & expenses in connection with the temple which should be made available for [illegible] the inspection of the Dewan & other higher officers of Govt - if required by them.

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41) Draft appr
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42) Draft to ~~[illegible]~~ draft as
requested Sanction [illegible]
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Rs 24-4-24
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22.4.24.

43) This does not require the ~~[illegible]~~
Sanction of Hon Members under the rules.
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24.4.24 2nd member 44) Secy. The draft
order may then be issued
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45) Issued

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8 To the Muzrai Comptroller, Seshagiriah Setty
Mr. Sri Kanteswara Sastry, Commr. Mr. V. Rama
Rao 1546-50/Muz 65-23 & 26.4.24

Passed orders handing over the Sri Kumaraswami temple at Tanker Halli to the management of Sri Sri Kanteswara Sastry on such terms and conditions as to certain contributions.

9. From Mr. Sri Kanteswara Sastry Petn. & forwarding that his appln. on such terms and conditions may be published in the Gazette for ...

46) Such publication is not necessary for appln. as ordered. [Note in the same terms as that in which Mr. T. Kallakuri Varadaraja Rao was appointed Dharmadarsi - vide Mr. No. 3854-5 & 13.6.04]

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6.5.24

4) To apply as above orders

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II Orders

48) It is necessary to notify the appointment in the Gazette as was done in the case of Tirupati

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43) Said reference is invited to notification No. 3834-5 dt. 13.6.04 notifying the late Mr. T. Lakshmanaramanadan as the Dharmadarsi of this inst.

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44) It is not usual nor necessary to notify such appointments but since in the present case, the Dharmakartha request it to be notified, probably for general information public as there is a precedent in connection with the same temple, it is for consideration if this not. may issue

14.5.24

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2nd member

45) I am in agreement with the proposal to appr
the gentleman may be informed accordingly

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46) Draft and

RL
17.5.24

47) Issue

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To the Muzrai ~~Inspector~~ Mr. Shiva Gandhara
Yogiar. No. 1707 d. 22.5.24. Sir,
Sent it is not necessary to notify the appointment
in the Gazette.
To Muzrai Inspector No. 1707 d. 22.5.24 regarding
above for info.

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SUBJECT.... .

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Diary No of letter replied to 234.

No 321 Due

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

MUZRAI SECRETARIAT,
(Muz)
, *the* ... .. *192* .

The accompanying Petition Registered No 234 dated 7th August 1923. received at the ~~Muzrai~~ Rev Secretariat from Mahavidvan Mahamahopadhyaya Vidhanti Sivasankara Sastri praying that the S in temple-near Srutkanahalli, Bidadi may be exempted from extension, which he has renovated and which he terms is a Muzrai

Date of issue 29-8-23

Signed by M. D. Subbaraya

Draft C.M. and endt are submitted for approval.
SD
21/8/23

is forwarded together with its enclosures to the institution, may be allowed to continue under his management with the ~~and~~ the land ~~& cash~~ income ~~now~~ thereto ~~for so long as it may be continued~~ is forwarded, with compliments, to the Muz: Commr in reply ~~to report dated~~ favour of Sagar and report on the points touched upon therein as early as possible

By Order
Secretary to Government
Revenue Dept

21-8-23

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By Order,

Approved for issue

Secretary to Government.
Rev. Mine Deptt. 22/8/23

List of enclosures

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

Mysore, 15.9.1923

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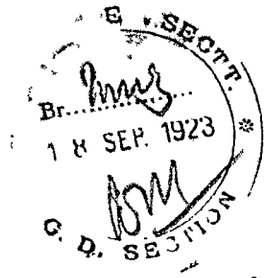

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Petition, as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore, for disposal.

AV 19/9/23

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By Order,

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~~Joint~~ Private Secretary
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

No. 143 of 23-24.

The Inam Commr.
Report may be submitted.
AV

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నాను ఈ చీంగళ్రాయరన్ను మొట్ట మొదలంగే నోడిదు మదరాసిన్నల్లి క్రిస్టియన్ కాలేజినల్లి కన్నడపండితనాగి ఎంటు సంవత్సరంగళు కాలవసమాడిదెను. ఆమేలె మైసూరిగె బందు కాలేజినల్లి పండితరాగిద్దు పరమపదవియన్నయిద నన్న తందెయవర శేషవు నమగాగియు ఆపుసిదరిందలూ కాలేజినల్లియే ఎంటరవరు కన్నడపండితరెంబ కుసురిన్నల్లియూ సంస్కృత ఆంధ్ర శబ్దాంతరే భూచాత్రయదల్లియరూ పట్టగపరిక్షెగళన్ను పాసుమాడిరుత్తిద్దు ఆదరింనిలియ విద్యార్థిగళల్లి కన్నడ. పరీక్షే పడెదు గౌరవిసల్పట్టరు. మత్తు, ఈమైసూరు అరమనెయల్లి ఆస్థానపండితరాగి మాను మహారాజన్నిధియింద చందవే పాఠనవల్పట్టు మహారాజిక్షెయవరిగె పాఠనాగిరుత్తిరువిరు. మత్తు, ఇండియా గవర్నమెంటినవరింద చందవే పాఠనవల్పట్టు మహారాజశ్రీమాపాధ్యాయరు బరుత్తిరువవరిగె పదవనాగిరువరు. ఇదల్లదే, శ్రీకాశీమహాసంస్థానదింద చందవే పాఠనవల్పట్టు జ్ఞానదీపికపరిక్షెయల్లి శకల ఎంబ బిరుదూ బందిరువుదు. నన్న తాతనందిరకాలదింద శృంగేరి శ్రీమజ్జగద్గురుశ్రీమఠసంస్థానద స్వేచ్ఛాసంతిశవేందు వషోద్ధవనాదుదంద చందవనిసల్పట్టు చీంగళ్రాయరు పంచాంగప్రకటికరనాగియూ ఇరువిరువు మహారాష్ట్రరు.

నాను ప్రాథమికశాలేయిందలే పరీక్షే పడెదమేలే ఈ చీంగళ్రాయరిగె బందాగ ఇందుకారణార్థవాగి చీంగళ్రాయరు బసవనగుడి సుంకేనరుళ్ళి గవీపుర ప్రాంతక సంచరిసుత్త సుంకేనరుళ్ళిబళి బందుగుడ్డివన్ను ఉదరదమేలే బందుళ్ళవన్ను నోడి, చుత్తిగెయింద పరిశీసువల్లి, అవన్ని ప్రకాశనవాదలింగవర పూజాదికగళిల్లదే దూరుచిద్దిరువుదూ కట్టుట్టిగళ్ళే బాగలుకదగళిల్లదే శిథిలవాగిరుత్తిదూ కాణబంతు. ఎల్లవనన్ను నోడి ఆసమయదల్లి ఈశ్వరసంకల్పదింద నన్న మనస్సిగె చూళిదదమేలిగే ఈ దీనవన్ను జీర్ణోద్ధార మాడబేకెందు దృఢసంకల్పవుండికొండు, ఆకట్టడదవన్ను కట్టిసిద లీజట్-జుబ్లి-నరహరిరాయరు మత్తు కూలి లోటల్లిద్దిద నరహరిరాయరవరల్లి నన్న ఉద్దేశవన్ను తిళిదిదెను. ప్రభువరు ఆకార్యక్కె బేకాద హణవన్ను నీవే చిన్నద కేళుండు దేవళ పూజాదికవు నడియంతే మాడి జీర్ణోద్ధార మాడబహుదెందు ననగే బిట్టుకొట్టరు. ఆరాంగాయిగళు ఎంటరే వర్షగళు నేంటు నవంబరు 10 రల్లి కాలిడిసు మొదలు నాను అల్లన్ను ప్రవేశిసి శిథిలవాగిద్ద భాగవన్నెల్లా సాంవిధానరుగళింద తీయిస్తు దేవతెగళన్ను బిళిసుత్తు బిళిసుత్తు అల్లిరువ శివద్వేషవన్నెల్లా దినవహి పూజాదికగళిందలూ

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No. 505

Date of issue 6-10-23

Signed by Mr. D. C. Sivaramayya

To

The Muz. Commr

Sir,

In continuation of this office memo no. 321-Muz. J. 65-23 Dt 29-8-1923, I am directed to forward herewith one memorial reg. no. 350 addressed to H. H. the Maharaja by Mahavidwan Mahamahopadhyaya Siddhanti Sivasankara Shastri.

over.

Dt. forwarding the memorial in cont. for report, is submitted.

Issued 25/10/23

27-9-23.

regarding the Siva temple
near Sunkenahalli, Banashankari
extension, Bangalore, and
to request that the
findings of the report
may kindly be expedited.

I have etc.

Sd/- Rao Secretary.
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OFFICE OF THE ~~REVENUE~~ COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

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Bangalore.....20th..October..1923....
Camp Mysore,

FROM

K. Chandy, Esq., B.A.,
& Muzrai
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,

6-C-22-5

To

The *Secretary to the Government of*
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue *Department.*

D.486 SIR,

With reference to your Official Memorandum No.321/M.F.65-23 dated 29th August 1923 and subsequent communication No.505/M.F.65-23-4 dated 4th October 1923, calling for a report on the memorial of Mahamahopadhyaya Siddhanti Sivasankara Sastry, regarding the management of the Sri Kumaraswami temple on the hillock at Sunkenahalli, Bangalore, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No.O.C.902 of 23-24 dated 17th October 1923 together with the file of vernacular papers from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, reporting that the temple which is endowed with a cash grant of Rs.0-7-9 a month and certain inam lands in the Jodi Govinayakanahalli of the Bangalore Taluk has been classed as a village institution and recommending that the temple together with its endowments may be entrusted to the management of the Pandit and his heirs under Section 34 of the Muzrai Regulation, which lays down that "no temple office or service in a Muzrai Institution shall be deemed to descent by hereditary right unless it has been conferred originally with such an express stipulation in writing by a person with due authority or has been held successively by 3 generations of the same family in succession in due legal course".

2. While ordering the reclassification of Muzrai Institutions and regulation of their management, control and supervision,

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FROM

K. Chandy, Esq., B.A.,
& Muzrai
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H H the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue *Department.*

Dated 20th October 1923.

Despatched

Received

General No

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the memorial of Mahamahopadhyaya Siddhanti Sivasankara Sastry, regarding the management of the Sri Kumaraswami temple on the hillock at Sunkenahalli, Bangalore.

Government have in para 2 of their order No.2514-25/M.F.371-13-2 dated 2nd April 1917 directed that "no elaborate scheme of management is necessary in the case of third class or "village" institutions, which will be left in charge of Village Panchayets where such exist, or in the case of the Pujaris under the control of the local officials the Patel and Shanbhog, if in a revenue village, or of the holders of similar offices, if in a Municipal town".

Instructions

~~Institutions~~ for the management of this class of institutions have been elaborated and published under the authority of Government order No.2407-20/M.F.126-17-12 dated 18th January 1919.

3. As the Pandit is reported to be evincing very great interest in the efficient working of the institution and to have spent large sums of money in improving and repairing the buildings, I beg to recommend that the temple and its endowments may be left in the management of Ved. Sivasankara.Sastry, subject, however, to the supervision of inspecting Officers of and above the grade of Amildar and to the maintenance and submission by the Pandit of accounts and report as enjoined in annexure 'B' to the Government order of the 18th February 1919. The question of its management after the Pandit's demise may be decided later.

4. The favour of early orders is solicited.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K Chandy

Muzrai Commissioner.

BR.

Letter No.O.C.992 of 23-24 dated 17th October 1923 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalo e District, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.Pet.C.22 of 23-24 dated 1st September 1923 forwarding for report the petition of Mahavidwan Mahamahopadhyaya Sidhanthi Sivasankara Sastri, re the management of the Sri Kumaraswami temple on the hillock near Basavangudi, Bangalore City, I have the honour to state that the Baravardar Archak of this temple who is also the Archak of some other temples has not been properly conducting Puja and his removal from the Archikship of this temple will be ordered.

2. The Sri Kumaraswami temple in question has a cash grant of Re.0-7-9 per mensem and is endowed with the marginally noted inam lands as per quit rent register. The lands were at first leased out for a period of five years and are now in the hands of the ryots who pay annually the gutta amount. But as to how long and on what terms the lease continues, further enquiry is necessary.

Govinayakanahalli Jodi.	Acres.	Guntas.	Assessment.
Unculturable.	26	- 29	5 - 2 - 0
Dry. ...	105	- 7	52 - 0 - 0
Wet. ...	6	- 31	21 - 8 - 0
Total...	138	- 27	78 - 10 - 0
		Jodi...	58-0-0

3. It is understood that Mr. Sivasankara Sastri with the permission of the late Mr. Lakshminarasimha Rao occupies a building there and is taking a deep interest in restoring the temple which is a village Muzrai institution. He has done some work also, and requests that the temple with the endowments may be handed over to him and to his heirs in furtherance of his object to restore the temple and to consecrate some more idols as "Upangas" and to conduct daily worship.

4. The petitioner seems to be sincere in his statements and the management of the temple in question may be entrusted under special sanction to him and his heirs under section 34 of the

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Muzrai Regulation, the income from the Inam lands and the c grant being paid to him in his capacity as Manager. The temple however continue to be a Muzrai Institution.

The vernaclar papers ending with the Bangalore Taluk Amildar's report No.112 dated 25th September 1923 and the petitions received with your letters are herewith forwarded for reference.

" C o p y "

K Chandy

Muzrai Commissioner.

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Date of issue 20.11.23

Signed by M T Ramaiya

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To

The Mysore Comr.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. C 22/23-24 dated the 27th Oct. 1923 on the subject of handing over the management of the Sri Kumaraswami temple at Sunkenhally, Bangalore Taluk, to the Malavedara Mahasabha, Siddenahalli, Sankaradasty, I am directed to request you to hand over

over.

ascertain from the heirs of the late
Mr T Lakshmi Narasimhadas
whether they are agreeable
to make over the management
of the temple & the Tillork
in which it is situated to
Mr Siva Sankara Sastry and to appoint him as Sthe Dharmakarta
and to obtain a written
Statement to this effect
from them if this has not
already been done, and
submit the same to the
Govt.

Thanks

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Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 15th M a r c h 1924.

From

K. Chandy, Esquire., B.A.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

B a n g a l o r e.

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GEN. & REV SEC. MUZRAI

To

K. V. Anantaraman, Esquire., B.A.,

Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.698/A.F.65-23-6 dated 20th --- November 1923, regarding the management of Sri Kumaraswami temple on the hillock at Sunkenahalli, Bangalore Taluk, I have the honor to -- forward herewith written statement obtained from Srimati Lakshmidevamma widow of the Late Mr. T. Lakshminarasimha Rao received with Bangalore Deputy Commissioner's letter C.C.No.992/23-24 dated 6th March 1924 ---- (copy enclosed) stating that she has no objection to the management of the temple together with its endowments being made over to Mahamahopadhyay Sivasankara Sastry in conformity with the wishes of her deceased husband as expressed in his letter of the 5th February 1923 to the Muzrai Commissioner and to add that as already recommended in my letter of the 27th - October 1923 Brahmasri Sivasankara Sastry may be recognized as sole ---- Dharmadarsi of the Institution during his life time and the management left in his Hands, subject to the provisions of Section 13 of the Muzrai Regulation and the rules thereunder, as it has since been determined that the temple falls under the II class or Minor Institutions.

2. The file of vernacular papers is enclosed for reference and kind return.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K. Chandy

Muzrai Commissioner.

KSR.

Letter No.C.C.992 of 23-24 dated 3/6th March 1924 from the -- Deputy Commissioner to the Muzrai Commissioner.in Mysore.

"With reference to your letter No.Pet.C.22 of 1923-24 dated 24/25th December 1923 calling for a written statement from the heirs of the late Mr. T. Lakshminarasimha Rao whether they are agreeable to make over the management of the Sri Kumaraswami temple on the Gollock at Sunkenahalli I have the honor to forward herewith the reply received in the matter ~~fr~~ from Lakshmidevamma, widow of the late Mr. T. Lakshminarasimha Rao. She has stated that she has no objection to the arrangements being made for the management of the institution as requested by her deceased husband in his petition dated 5th February 1923 to the Muzrai Commissioner.

The vernacular records received with your letter are herewith -- returned."

"Copy"

KSR.

for Muzrai Commissioner. 15/3/24

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Bangalore.
28th March 1924.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my petitions regarding the Sri Kumaraswami temple in Sunkenalli, I beg to submit the following facts for the gracious consideration of the Government in passing orders thereon:--

I am a native of Bangalore. I received my education here. On completing my education, I entered service in the Christian College, Madras as Kanarese Pandit; at that time my father Siddanta Subramania Sastriar was Pandit in the Presidency College. I served in the Christian College for 11 years, when, on my father's death, I was appointed to succeed him in the Presidency College. Here I served as Sanskrit and Kanarese Pandit for 29 years and finally retired on 31st March 1921.

At Madras I had the honour of being presented with a Special Khillat by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the latter's visit to that town.

In January 1923 I was conferred the title of Mahamahopadhyaya the Insignias of which were formally presented to me by Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore in November last.

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore has been graciously pleased to appoint me as one of the Maha Vidwans of the Palace.

I am by heredity the calculator and publisher of Panchanga of the Sri Sringeri Matt; and in recognition of researches and works in the field of Astrology I have been conferred the Title of Jyotisha Ratnakara by the Bharata Mahaw Mandali of Benarese.

I have been a special devotee of Lord Subramaniam all my life and even now in Madras special worship of a Sannidhi of Lord Subramaniam under the designation of "Paropakara Sri Subramania Sannidhi" is being maintained by my son S. Subramania Sastri, B.A.

On retirement from the service, it was my intention to go to Benarese and settle there. But that was not to be. In November 1932 I came to Bangalore to settle my affairs prior to going to Benarese and going about in search of some bilva leaves (I live on the leaves and milk), I happened to go to the Hill in Sunkenahalli popularly known as "Mount Joy" and seeing the building on the top where I sighted a bilva tree, I found it was an ancient Siva temple neglected and overgrown with bushes. I was very much pained to see in which state the temple had fallen. That very night I had a dream, which was a very inspiring one, to the effect that I should give up the idea of going to Benarese and devote myself to the restoration of this ancient temple-the main idea inspired in me being that I should consecrate in it the idols of Sri Shanmukham with Valli and Devasena which I would find in a Guha and with the help of Bhaktas organize a system of daily worship and special Utsavams and services such as obtain in the famous shrines of Sri Subramaniam at Palni and elsewhere. My first attempt was to find out where the Vigras of Sri Shanmugar with Valli and Devasena were. After some search I found the Vigras out by in the cave passage of Sri

Gangadhareswaraswami temple at Gavipur. ~~and~~ I then made up my mind to devote myself to carrying out the commands inspired in me by the dream.

On enquiry about the temple I was referred to the late T.Lakshminarasimha Rao, Auditor of Mysore Railways, who, on hearing me readily agreed to place at my disposal the temple building which had been once repaired and improved by his father. I then entered the temple premises and clearing the overgrowth of bushes repaired the whole at a cost of nearly Rs.2 000/- so as to render it safe and fit for worship and accessible to devotees. I have been since living in the buildings constructed on the rock of the late T.Narahari Rao and performing Puja myself, both morning and evening, with special Sevas at the wishes of the devotees who have begun to resort to the shrine in large numbers. A perusal of the entries in the Visitors' Book kept by me in the temple will show how far I have improved the temple and in what state I am now keeping up the worship and how the institution has begun to attract large numbers of devotees every day, some of whom have even gone for Kavadi sevas as in Palni and certain other famous shrines of Lord Subramaniam.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Venkoba Rao, some time ago inspected the temple and made close enquiries as to the condition it had been abandoned in without worship and to the state to which I have till now restored the ancient shrine. ~~and~~ Mr.K.H.Srinivasa Iyengar, Member of Council also paid a visit to the temple on 22nd instant and has personally seen in what condition I am now keeping up the temple and the Puja therein. I beg to express a hope that both these officers have satisfied themselves that in my efforts to restore this ancient temple I have no personal interests to serve and that I have been actuated solely by an inspiration for the

Seva of the Lord in a manner calculated to infuse true Bhakti and devotion among the people.

Now as regards the temple it is known as Sri Kumara Swami temple Subramanyapalli; it is built on a rock as all temples of Sri Subramaniam generally are. It is in receip of a cash grant of Rs.5-13-0 a year and is endowed with a half share of the Inam village of Govindarajapalli close by. Though the temple is known as Sri Kumaraswami temple yet there is no Vigraha of Sri Kumaraswami, the only idol in the shrine being a Siva Linga known as "Mrityunjaya Kumara Siva Lingam". On enquiry and study, I am led to believe that the temple is one built by Vemana Gowda who first installed the Siva Linga, but, owing to adverse circumstances, left the construction incomplete without consecrating the idols of Sri Shanmugam with Valli and Devasena which are now kept by in the cave passage of the adjoining temple of Sri Gangadhareswaraswami at Gavipur.

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I be to remain,

Sir.

Your most obedient servant,

S. Srinivasamurthy Sastry

Bangalore.
28th March 1924.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my petitions regarding the Sri Kumaraswami temple in Sunkenahalli, I beg to submit the following facts for the gracious consideration of the Government in passing orders thereon:--

I am a native of Bangalore. I received my education here. On completing my education, I entered service in the Christian College, Madras as Kanarese Pandit; at that time my father Siddanta Subramania Sastriar was Pandit in the Presidency College. I served in the Christian College for 11 years, when on my father's death, I was appointed to succeed him in the Presidency College. There I served as Sanskrit and Kanarese Pandit for 29 years and finally retired on 31st March 1921.

At Madras I had the honour of being presented with a Special Shawl by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the latter's visit to that town.

In January 1923 I was conferred the title of Mahamahopadhyaya, the Insignias of which were formally presented to me by Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore in November last.

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore has been graciously pleased to appoint me as one of the Maha Vidvans of the Palace.

I am by heredity the calculator and publisher of the Panchanga of the Sri Sringeri Matt; and in recognition of my researches and works in the field of Astrology I have been conferred the Title of Jyotisha Ratnakara by the Bharata Maha Mandali of Benaresc.

I have been a special devotee of Lord Subramaniam all my life and even now in Madras special worship of a Sannidhi of Lord Subramaniam under the designation of "Paropakara Sri Subramania Sannidhi" is being maintained by my son S. Subramania Sastri, B.A.

On retirement from the service, it was my intention to go to Benarese and settle there. But that was not to be. In November 1922 I came to Bangalore to settle my affairs prior to going to Benarese and going about in search of some bilva leaves (I live on the leaves and milk), I happened to go to the hill in Sunkenahalli popularly known as "Mount Joy" and entering the building on the top where I sighted a bilva tree. I found it was an ancient Siva temple neglected and overgrown with bushes. I was very much pained to see in which state the temple had fallen. That very night I had a dream which was a very inspiring one, to the effect that I should give up the idea of going to Benarese and devote myself to the restoration of this ancient temple—the main idea inspired in me being that I should consecrate in it the idols of Sri Shanmukham with Valli and Devasena which I would find in a Guha and with the help of Sri Siva organize a system of daily worship and special Utsavams and services such as obtain in the famous shrines of Sri Subramaniam at Palni and elsewhere. My first attempt was to find out where the Vigrahas of Sri Shanmugar with Valli and Devasena were. After some search I found the Vigrahas put by in the cave passage of Sri

Gangadharoswaraswami temple at Gavipur. ~~and~~ I then made up my mind to devote myself to carrying out the commands inspired in me by the dream.

On enquiry about the temple I was referred to the late T.Lakshminarasimha Rao, Auditor of Mysore Railways, who on hearing me readily agreed to place at my disposal the temple building which had been once repaired and improved by his father. I then entered the temple premises and clearing the overgrowth of bushes repaired the whole at a cost of nearly Rs.2,000/- so as to render it safe and fit for worship and accessible to devotees. I have been since living in the buildings constructed on the rock of the late T.Narahari Rao and performing Puja myself.both morning and evening with special Sevas at the wishes of the devotees who have begun to resort to the shrine in large numbers. A perusal of the entries in the Visitors' book kept by me in the temple will show how far I have improved the temple and in what state I am now keeping up the worship and how the institution has begun to attract large numbers of devotees every day some of whom have even gone for Kavadi sevas as in Palni and certain other famous shrines of Lord Subramaniam.

The Deputy Commissioner Mr. Venkoba Rao some time ago inspected the temple and made close enquiries as to the condition it had been abandoned without worship and to the state to which I have till now restored the ancient shrine. ~~and~~ Mr.K... Srinivasa Iyengar, Member of Council also paid a visit to the temple on 22nd instant and has personally seen in what condition I am now keeping on the temple and the Puja therein. I beg to express a hope that both these officers have satisfied themselves that in my efforts to restore this ancient temple I have no personal interests to serve and that I have been actuated solely by an inspiration for the

Seva of the Lord in a manner calculated to infuse true Bhakti and devotion among the people.

Now as regards the temple, it is known as Sri Kumaraswami temple, Sukenahalli; it is built on a rock as all temples of Sri Subramaniam generally are. It is in receipt of a cash grant of Rs.5-13-0 a year and is endowed with a half share of the Inam village of Govinaikanahalli close by. Though the temple is known as Sri Kumaraswami temple, yet there is no Vigraha of Sri Kumaraswami, the only idol in the shrine being a Siva Linga known as "Mrityunjaya Kumara Siva Lingam". On enquiry and study, I am led to believe that the temple is one built by Venne Gowda who first installed the Siva Linga, but, owing to adverse circumstances, left the construction incomplete without consecration. The idols of Sri Shanmugam with Valli and Devasena which are now kept by in the cave passage of the adjoining temple of Sri Gangadhareswar swami at Gavipur.

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Now that I have taken upon myself the restoration of this

long abandoned temple under circumstances explained above. I wish to be assured of my position in respect of this institution before I proceed further and approach the devotees for help. It is with this object that I have petitioned His Highness the Maharaja the Dewan and the Muzrai Commissioner explaining the circumstances as above and praying that the temple may be handed over to me, with or without the Muzrai endowments at the pleasure of the Government and that the management might vest in ~~me~~ me and in my heirs free of all encumbrances in the way of other claims to archakship etc. such management being ~~undisputed~~ undisturbed so long as myself, my and my heirs maintain the institution in good condition to the satisfaction of the Bhaktas. So far as the Government are concerned, I am prepared to abide by such conditions as may be imposed and to furnish or render to them such periodical account of my management as may be required of me having regard to the conditions under which I have to work.

I request that the Government will be pleased to favour me with early orders complying with my requests and at the same time placing me beyond any likelihood of any dispute with regard to the Archakship which the nominal Archak Somasundara Dikshit or his heirs might prefer either now or at any future date.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Sivaram Kara Sastry

Murray Rao.
8/4/24

No 1386
Mur
8/9/24

Dear Sir,

I am desired to request information on the following points regarding the Sri Kumaraswami temple at Sunkenahalli, near Bangalore

1. Does the hillock on which the temple is situated from an independant Survey Number? If so what is the S.No. of the area? If not what is the survey number of the land on which the hillock with the temple is situated.

2. What kind of land is it? i.e. is it Inam to the temple or a Kandayam land? If the latter in whose holding is it? and what is the assessment?

3. Are there any records in your Office showing how the temple, the hillock and the land came into the possession of the late Mr. T. Narahari Rao or his son Mr. T. Lakshmi-Narasinha Rao? If so, they may be sent here for reference and return.

4. It is understood that one Somasundara Dikshit is the hereditary Archak of this temple. If as you recommend the temple is handed over to Mahamahopadyaya Siddanti Siva Sankara Sastry, how is Somasundara Dikshit's right to archakship to be treated?

5. The Mahamahopadyaya wishes to raise other structures and shrines on the hillock. What is his position with regard to the buildings in case his possession of the temple should cease?

I am to request that the matter may be

treated as very urgent and ~~complete~~ information on all the above points may be sent up at once for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely,

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8/4/24

A.J. Donne, Esq.,

Amildar, Bangalore Taluk.

Dear Sir

Your D.O. letter No 1386
dated 9/4/24 to hand -

(1) Sri Kumaraswami temple at
Sunkenhalli in Sirsakadu
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(2) There was originally a small
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with reference to the temple
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of the Late Mr. Narahari Rao's

Yours sincerely

P. Dunne

Brilliant

Mr. Ramanujan Esq.
Asst Secretary to
Government

Proceedings of the Government of H. H.

the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read.-

Petition registered No. 234 dated 7-8-23 received from Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidvan Siddanta Siva Sankara Sastry, praying that the Sri Kumara-Swami temple at Sunkenahally, Bangalore Taluk, which ~~had been~~ is in a dilapidated condition may be handed over to him and to his heirs, and stating that he will arrange for putting the temple building in order and ~~arrange~~ for the regular conduct of worship therein &c.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C.22 of 1923-24 dated the 15th March 1924 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore ~~reporting~~ on the subject.

Order No. 1546-50 Encumbered Dated 26-4-24
Muzj. 68-23-8

The Sri Kumaraswami temple ~~is~~ situated on a ~~hillock~~ rock near Sunkenahalli village, Bangalore Taluk ~~is and~~ is a Muzrai Institution enjoying a cash grant of Rs. 5-15-0 per year and the marginally noted Devadaya Inam lands in Govinaikanhally ~~Jodi~~. This temple building was restored at a considerable cost by the late Mr. T. Narahari Rao, Judge of the Chief Court of Mysore and in consideration of this fact, his son the late Mr. T. Lakshminarasimha Rao was appointed sole Dharmadarsi in Government Notification No. 3853 dated 13-6-1904. The temple building ~~has~~ gradually fell into a state of ~~total~~ disrepair and the worship in the temple ~~has been~~ was neglected by the baraward Archak. Mahamahopadyay

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Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidvan Siva Sankara Sastry who ~~was~~ recently ~~returned~~ retired from the Madras Educational service was, therefore, entrusted by the late Mr. T. Lakshminarasimha Rao with the management of the temple and the buildings attached thereto, ~~and residing in the outhouse attached to the temple, has at a considerable cost repaired the building~~ and has been conducting the Sevas in the temple satisfactorily.

2. ~~Mr.~~ Siva Sankara Sastry now requests that the temple with its endowments may be handed over to him and to his heirs ~~free of all encumorances as to Archakship &c~~. so that he may make permanent arrangements for the regular conduct of the several services in the institution ~~and~~ construct shrines for Ganapathy and other deities He also says that he is prepared to abide by such conditions as may be imposed by Government and to ~~further~~ render to them such periodical accounts of the management as may be required of him having regard to the conditions under which he has to work. The Muzrai Commissioner who was consulted in the matter recommends that the temple and its endowments may be ~~left in~~ the management of ~~Mr.~~ Siva Sankara Sastry subject to the supervision of Inspecting Officers of and above the grade of Amildar and to the maintenance and submission of accounts and reports and states that the question of its management after the Pandit's demise may be decided later. The Muzrai Commissioner also says that the widow of the late Mr. Lakshminarasimha Rao has no objection to the management of the temple together with its endowments being made over to

~~Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidwan~~ Siva Sankara Sastr, in conformity with the wishes of her husband.

3. Govt. are pleased to accept the recommendation of the Muzrai Commissioner and to appoint Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidvan Siva Sankara Sastry as sole Dharmakartha of the temple in question. He will as Dharmakartha be entitled to draw the annual cash tasdik and utilise it for the temple service. He will be authorised to make necessary improvements to the existing building attached to the temple and also to put up any new buildings &c. on S.No. 15 for the benefit of the temple, after obtaining the permission of the Deputy Comr. in the Muzrai Department therefor. All buildings &c. put up will be treated as being attached to and forming the property of the temple, and ~~His~~ Siva Sankara Sastry or his heirs will have no private rights of any kind over them.

4. The Dharmakarthaship ~~will~~ be continued in ~~Mr.~~ Siva Sankara Sastry's family as a hereditary right so long as they satisfactorily discharge the work in the best interests of the temple.

5. The Dharmakartha should maintain proper accounts of the receipts and ~~expenditures~~ expenses in connection with the institution which should be made available for the inspection of the Amildar and other higher Muzrai Officers of Government if required by them.

Revenue Secretary.

To
The Muz. Commissioner (returning records
Comptroller to Government
Superintendent of Inam Settlements
Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidvan S.S. Sastry.

Government of his Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O No. 1546-50—Muz 65 23 8, dated 26th April 1924

Sri Kumaraswami Temple at Sunkenahalli Bangalore Taluk

Sanctions the appointment of Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidwan Siddanti Siva Sankara Sastry as sole Dharmakarta of the —— and authorises him to draw the Tasdik amount due to the temple, etc.

READ—

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ORDER No. 1546 50—MUZ. 65-23-8, DATED 26TH APRIL 1924.

The Sri Kumaraswami temple, situated on a rock near Sunkenahalli village, Bangalore Taluk, is a Muzrai Institution enjoying a cash grant of Rs. 5-13-0 per year and the marginally noted Devadaya Inam lands in Jodi Govinaikanahalli. This temple building was restored at considerable cost by the late Mr. T. Narahari Rao, Judge of the Chief Court of Mysore and in consideration of this fact, his son the late Mr. T. Lakshminarasimha Rao was appointed sole Dharmadarsi in Government Notification No. 3853, dated the 13th June 1904. The temple building gradually fell into a state of disrepair and the worship in the temple was neglected by the hereditary Archak. Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidwan Siva Sankara Sastry who recently retired from the Madras Educational Service was, therefore, entrusted by the late Mr. T. Lakshminarasimha Rao with the management of the temple and the buildings attached thereto. He has, since he took charge of the temple, repaired it at considerable cost and has been conducting the Sevas in the temple regularly and satisfactorily.

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No. 1546-50—Muz 65-23-8, dated 26th April 1924.

has no objection to the management of the temple together with its endowments being made over to Mr. Siva Sankara Sastry in conformity with the wishes of her husband.

3. Government are pleased to accept the recommendation of the Muzrai Commissioner and to appoint Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidwan Siva Sankara Sastry as sole Dharmakarta of the temple in question The temple and its endowments will be handed over to him. He will as Dharmakarta be entitled to draw the annual cash tasdik and utilise it for the temple service. He will be authorised to make necessary improvements to the existing building attached to the temple and also to put up any new buildings, etc., on Survey No. 15 of Sunkenahally village for the benefit of the temple, after obtaining the permission of the Deputy Commissioner in the Muzrai Department therefor. All buildings, etc., put up will be treated as being attached to and forming the property of the temple, and Mr. Siva Sankara Sastry or his heirs will have no private rights of any kind over them. The Dharmakarta should maintain proper accounts of the receipts and expenses in connection with the institution which should be made available for the inspection of the Amildar and other higher Muzrai Officers of Government if required by them.

4. Government are further pleased to direct that the Dharmakarta-ship of the temple be continued in Mr. Siva Sankara Sastry's family as a hereditary right so long as they satisfactorily discharge the work in the best interests of the temple.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Offg. *Secretary to Government,*
Revenue Department.

To—The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore (returning records).
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.
The Superintendent of Inam Settlements.
Mahamahopadyaya Mahavidwan Siddanti Siva Sankara Sastry.
Mr. V. H- Karve, Convenor, Committee of Dharmadarsis

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K.V. Anantaraman, Esquire, B.A., Dno 2166.
Secretary to Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

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Sir,

I beg leave to express my sincere gratitude for having made over the management of the Sunkenahalli Hill Temple together with its endowments to me and for having appointed me as sole Dharmakartha thereof. It will be my earnest endeavour to justify the confidence the Government have placed in me in doing so and to pray for the prosperity of His Highness the Maharaja and of His Highness' Government.

I beg that a notification in the official gazette notifying my appointment as sole Dharmakartha may kindly be arranged to be published for general information.

For the above act of kindness I shall feel ever grateful to you.

I beg to remain,
Sir.
Your most obedient servant,

S. Sivaramakrishnaiah

Dharmaprakashaya

Kumara Saila,
Basavangudi, Bangalore,
Dated the 5th May 1924

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To

Maha Mahopadhyaya Maha-
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Sachy Kumara Saila
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Encl

With ref. to his applica'n
Reg'd. No. 2166 of 5th May 1924,
requesting that his appoint-
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Govt. do not consider it necessary to notify this appointment in the Gazette

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